

The proposal of searching autos and passengers before boarding WA State Ferries as is done at our airports would pose an unreasonable burden on citizens who must rely on the ferries as part of the highway system. We commute to work, and to the mainland for goods and services. There would be severe economic impact on the local economy from loss of jobs as commuters could not get to and from work, price increases of consumer goods on the islands, and plummeting property values. The ferry system would suffer unsustainable losses if they have to reduce crossings to conduct the security screenings or if they have to increase ticket prices which would reduce ridership and increase the burden on the local commuters. This could ultimately result in the inability of the WA State Ferry System to continue to operate which is obviously not an option.